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## SANTA BARBARA LIGHTHOUSE.

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**A**PPROACHING Santa Barbara by steamer from the north, one sees the lighthouse perched upon a mesa which slopes gently toward the sea and ends in an abrupt bluff at the very beach. The drive from Santa Barbara up Dibblee's hill and over the



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mesa is an attractive one; and the lighthouse is always interesting in itself and for the charming views its tower affords.

It was built in 1856 by Albert Williams (sent out by the government for that purpose), and was immediately occupied by him and his family. Mrs. Julia F. Williams was assistant keeper from the first, and has had sole charge since 1866. She is one of the twenty women employed by the United States government as lighthouse-keepers, and is probably the senior in point of service.

Mrs. Williams is an interesting woman, of whose neat home and quiet courtesy many visitors carry away pleasant recollections. Besides her personal attention to the lights, as required by the regulations, she has reared a family of six children; and home and family seem a bit of New England transported to the west coast. Mrs. Williams was born on the island of Campobello, off the coast of Maine.

Santa Barbara.